

In the Claims:

The claims are amended as follows. Claim 34 is cancelled. Claim 4 was previously cancelled.

1. (Currently amended) A multi-phase personal cleansing surfactant composition comprising at least three visually distinct and separate liquid layers: a first or lower high density emollient/conditioning liquid layer consisting essentially of at least one high density aromatic ester having a specific gravity of greater than 1.00; ~~and at least one additional upper liquid a~~ second or middle layer consisting essentially of a surfactant solution having a specific gravity of less than the specific gravity of said high density first layer; ~~and a third or upper layer~~ consisting essentially of a low density oily material having emollient or conditioning characteristics and a specific gravity which is less than said first layer and said second layer, wherein said three visually distinct and separate liquid layers appear ~~as visually discrete and separate layers~~ upon settling within 24 hours after mixing said composition .
2. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim 1 ~~comprising three (3) visually distinct and separate liquid layers, a~~ wherein said first or lower layer ~~consisting essentially of at least one high density aromatic ester having~~ has a specific gravity of greater than 1.00; a said second or middle layer ~~consisting essentially of a surfactant solution which consists essentially of water and a foaming surfactant having~~ has a specific gravity ranging from about 0.90 to about 1.05 ~~and being less than the specific gravity of said first layer~~; and a said third or upper layer ~~consisting essentially of a low density oily material having emollient or conditioning characteristics and~~ has a specific gravity ranging from about 0.7 to about 0.95; ~~said third layer having a specific gravity less than said first layer and said second layer.~~
3. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 2 wherein said composition includes a fourth visually distinct and separate layer consisting essentially of at least one solid exfoliating agent.
4. Cancelled.

5. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim 2 wherein said first layer has a specific gravity of greater than about 1.0, said second layer has a specific gravity ranging from about 0.95 to about 1.00 and said third layer has a specific gravity ranging from about 0.8 to about 0.95, ~~the specific gravity of said third layer being less than the specific gravity of said second layer and the specific gravity of said second layer being less than the specific gravity of said first layer.~~
6. (Original) The composition according to claim 3 wherein said fourth layer has a specific gravity which is greater than said first layer.
7. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 3 wherein said fourth layer is a solid phase consisting essentially of a solid particulate material selected from the group consisting of ground plant materials, finely divided polyethylene, hydrogenated jojoba oil spheres, diatomaceous earth, sand, pumice and mixtures, thereof.
8. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 1 wherein said high density aromatic ester is selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol benzoate, dipropylene glycol dibenzoate, propylene glycol dibenzoate, dipropylene glycol benzoate, octyl methoxycinnamate, menthyl anthranilate, octyl salicylate, octyl cinnamate, and octocrylene.
9. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 3 wherein said high density aromatic ester is selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol benzoate, dipropylene glycol benzoate, dipropylene glycol dibenzoate, propylene glycol dibenzoate, octyl methoxycinnamate, menthyl anthranilate, octyl salicylate, octyl cinnamate, and octocrylene.
10. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 2 wherein said third layer consists essentially of at least one low density emollient or conditioning agent selected from

the group consisting of mineral oil, squalane, squalene, Jojoba oil, oleyl oleate, oleyl erucate, polydimethylsiloxane and cyclomethicone.

11. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 1, wherein said surfactant solution consists essentially of an anionic surfactant selected from the group consisting of alkyl sulfates, alkylether sulfates, alkyl benzene sulfonates, alpha olefin sulfonates, N-alkyl sarcosinates, alkyl sulfosuccinates, alkyl phosphates, alkylether phosphates, alkyl carboxylic acid salts and alkylether carboxylic acid salts.
12. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 2, wherein said surfactant solution consists essentially of an anionic surfactant selected from the group consisting of alkyl sulfates, alkylether sulfates, alkyl benzene sulfonates, alpha olefin sulfonates, N-alkyl sarcosinates, alkyl sulfosuccinates, alkyl phosphates, alkylether phosphates, alkyl carboxylic acid salts and alkylether carboxylic acid salts.
13. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 1 wherein said surfactant solution consists essentially of a surfactant selected from the group consisting of anionic, cationic, nonionic, amphoteric and zwitterionic surfactants.
14. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 2 wherein said surfactant solution consists essentially of a surfactant selected from the group consisting of anionic, cationic, nonionic, amphoteric and zwitterionic surfactants.
15. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 3 wherein said surfactant solution consists essentially of a surfactant selected from the group consisting of anionic cationic, nonionic, amphoteric and zwitterionic surfactants.
16. (Original) The composition according to claim 13 wherein said surfactant may be used to modify the physical properties of the surfactant solution phase to change its feel, viscosity, clarity, foaming, foam stability, cloud point, skin and hair conditioning and/or its detergency.

17. (Original) The composition according to claim 14 wherein said surfactant may be used to modify the physical properties of the surfactant solution phase to change its feel, viscosity, clarity, foaming, foam stability, cloud point, skin and hair conditioning and/or its detergency.
18. (Previously presented) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said surfactant solution may consist essentially of one or more separation enhancer.
19. (Original) The composition according to claim 18 wherein said separation enhancer is selected from the group consisting of ethanol, isopropanol, propanol, propyleneglycol, methyl propane diol, butylene glycols, dipropylene glycol, ethoxy diglycol, hexylene glycol, xylene sulfonate salts, naphthalene sulfonate salts, acetamido and lactamido propyl trimonium chlorides, sorbitol, glucose, sucrose, fructose, glycerin, ethoxylated glycerin, ethoxylated glycols or a salt formed from a cation and an anion wherein said cation is selected from the cation of sodium, ammonium, potassium, calcium and magnesium and said anion is selected from the anion of chloride, sulfate, nitrate, phosphate, carbonate, acetate, lactate and ethylenediaminetetraacetate.
20. (Previously presented) A composition according to claim 2 wherein said surfactant solution may consist essentially of one or more separation enhancer.
21. (Original) The composition according to claim 20 wherein said separation enhancer is selected from the group consisting of ethanol, isopropanol, propanol, propyleneglycol, methyl propane diol, butylene glycols, dipropylene glycol, ethoxy diglycol, hexylene glycol, xylene sulfonate salts, naphthalene sulfonate salts, acetamido and lactamido propyl trimonium chlorides, sorbitol, glucose, sucrose, fructose, glycerin, ethoxylated glycerin, ethoxylated glycols or a salt formed from a cation and an anion wherein said cation is selected from the cation of sodium, ammonium, potassium, calcium and magnesium and said anion is selected from the anion of chloride, sulfate, nitrate, phosphate, carbonate, acetate, lactate and ethylenediaminetetraacetate.

22. (Original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein said high density aromatic ester is selected from the group consisting of benzoic acid esters of diols, triols and tetraols.
23. (Original) The composition according to claim 2 wherein said high density aromatic ester is selected from the group consisting of benzoic acid esters of diols, triols and tetraols.
24. (Original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein said aromatic ester is selected from the group consisting of menthyl anthranilate, octocrylene, octyl methoxycinnamate, octyl salicylate and mixtures, thereof.
25. (Original) The composition according to claim 2 wherein said aromatic ester is selected from the group consisting of menthyl anthranilate, octocrylene, octyl methoxycinnamate, octyl salicylate and mixtures, thereof.
26. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 2 wherein said low density oily material is selected from the group consisting of mineral oils, aliphatic hydrocarbons, branched aliphatic hydrocarbons, squalane, squalene, cyclomethicone, jojoba oil and monoesters obtained from fatty acids and fatty alcohols, said monoesters containing a total of from 36 to 42 total carbons.
27. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 1 further comprising a third visually distinct layer consisting essentially of a solid exfoliating agent.
28. (Original) The composition according to claim 1 formulated as a hair shampoo, a body cleanser or a hand cleanser.
29. (Original) The composition according to claim 2 formulated as a hair shampoo, a body cleaner or a hand cleanser.

30. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 2 wherein said low density oily material is a difatty ester selected from the group consisting of Jojoba oil, oleyl oleate, oleyl erucate and mixtures, thereof.

31. Cancel.

32. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 1 wherein said visually discrete discrete separate liquid layers appear within 2 hours upon settling after mixing said composition.

33. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 1 wherein said visually discrete discrete separate liquid layers appear within 30 minutes upon settling after mixing said composition.

34. Cancelled.